

HA-1486

1899

Stanley McComas House  
625 Roland  
Bel Air  
private

This is a good example of the L-shaped Victorian house with the ell in front. Its aluminum siding has obscured the shiplap siding and the fishscale shingles in the gable. It is a twin to the McComas-Keen House next door at 631 Roland, but it has had a two story hexagonal bay window added on the south side. It was built by contractor John Wilgis for M. Stanley McComas who, with his brother Emory, would buy the Hanway-Keen lumber yard at the railroad station. Harry Keen built the house next door (631) the same year.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Stanley McComas House

AND/OR COMMON

Anderson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

625 Roland

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES- RESTRICTED☐ YES- UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Norman P. Anderson

Telephone #: 838-1158

STREET &amp; NUMBER

625 Roland

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 954

Folio #: 179

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This two and a half story T-shaped house, now aluminum sided, is at 625 Roland in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Originally it was shiplap-sided with fish scale shingles in the gables like its neighbor next door to the south (631 Roland). The cross bar of the T lies to the rear (east). The projecting two bays in front house the living room and a bedroom upstairs. A front gable over these two bays has a round-headed 2/2 double-hung gable as do the gables on the north and south elevations of the cross bar. Two chimneys break the roof line, the front one corbell capped and astride the ridge of the front projecting section where it meets the cross bar of the T, the second one plain and to the center rear (east) of the ridge of the cross bar. A two story hexagonal bay window on the west bay of the south elevation has been tucked in between the front projection and the cross bar obscuring the original T-shape. It is similar to other bay windows in Town in having a pair of molded cornices with dentil bands tucked underneath.

The windows of the house are 2/2 double-hung sash except for the two 2/4 windows in the first floor front and a 12 pane stained glass window which lights the hall on the north elevation. All the major windows have wooden louvered shutters.

There are two porches. The front one is L-shaped with a hipped roof. The ell is on the north elevation. A thin molded cornice tops the slender doric columns of the porch. The back porch has a shed roof on chamfered posts. The south bay of this porch is enclosed and forms the pantry. The north side of the remaining porch is enclosed as a wind break. One scroll bracket decorates the north chamfered post. Behind (east of) this porch is a sun deck. This house has had its cellar door enclosed in a little gable roofed "dog house" like so many others in Town.

The front entrance to the house is in the north bay of the west elevation of the T: a three pane transom and three pane over one panel sidelights surround the original two panel over two panel door, now painted a welcoming red.

The house has a two and two room layout. The entrance hall is on the north side in the T. A single run open string staircase rises against the east wall of the hall. It has turned balusters and a turned newel post with a square block and a round "cannon ball" finial. To the right (south) the living room opens off the hall through a square arch which once had french doors. The living room projects 4½ feet to the west beyond the hall. The fireplace is a brick 20th century replacement. It was to enlarge this room that the bay was built.

Behind the hall to the east is the dining room with a fireplace in the south wall. This mantel is original: elaborately turned colonettes on blocks and ending in panelled blocks supporting the molded shelf. The frieze has a row of X carving. This decoration is unique (so far) in Town. A thin chairrail, probably an addition, completes the room's decoration.

Next to the dining room to the south is the kitchen. Off the kitchen in the south bay of the back porch is a pantry, formed by enclosing part of the back porch. An enclosed back staircase rises in the southwest corner of the kitchen.

The second floor has three bedrooms and a bath.

The woodwork throughout the house is molded with corner blocks carved in the "door bell" motif.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This well kept house, originally T-shaped, is a variation of the front gable Victorian houses built around Town in the last quarter of the 19th Century. It is the south one of a pair built side by side by contractor John Wilgis on Roland Avenue in 1899. These two houses represent the older style which was giving way, on Roland and around Town, to the more elaborate Queen Anne style. This house was built for M. Stanley McComas, soon to be a partner with his brother Emory, in the McComas Brothers Lumber Yard by the railroad station on North Main Street. McComas leased the land from Mary Dallam in 1899 for 15 years with a redemption price of \$162.50 (96/419). Later that year Mary Dallam conveyed her remaining interest in Dallam's Second Addition to her daughter-in-law, Josephine R. Dallam (Mrs. Richard Dallam). McComas purchased the land from Josephine Dallam in 1903 (109/58). McComas sold the property to Ida M. Gittings in 1916 (153/406), and Mrs. Gittings, a widow, sold it to attorney Noble L. Mitchell soon after World War I (1921, 176/153). Shortly thereafter Mitchell sold it to Julia Kelly (4/5) and Helen Kelly (1/5) (1922, 176/468).

Julia Kelly died September 4, 1938. Her heirs sold their 4/5 interest to Helen Kelly in 1940 (261/153). Miss Kelly conveyed it to Louis J. Waldenberger in 1948 (312/178). Waldenberger died August 3, 1958. His widow, Frances, sold it to the present owners, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Anderson, in 1974 (954/179).

The house is not much altered. A two story hexagonal bay window has been added to the south elevation just west of the bar of the T, and obscuring the T-shape. A deck has been added to the back porch. The living room fireplace has been replaced by a modern brick one. Other than that, the house is much the same as when it was built.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #108 in the Town of Bel Air, 75' x 200'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

12 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

ADDENDA (May 1990)

Stanley McComas House  
625 Roland Avenue  
HA-1486

No changes.

TITLE: 625 Roland

954/179                    15 July 1974  
Frances K. Waldenberger, widow  
                             to  
Norman P. Anderson & Carol  
Louis J. Waldenberger died August 3, 1958

312/178                    6 January 1948  
Helen C. Kelly, unmarried  
                             to  
Louis J. Waldenberger & Frances

261/153                    21 June 1940  
Adelia Kelly et al, heirs of Julia M. Kelly  
                             to  
Helen C. Kelly  
Julia M. Kelly died September 4, 1938.  
She held 4/5, and Helen Kelly held 1/5.  
Julia's heirs convey 4/5 to Helen.

176/468                    15 March 1922  
Noble L. Mitchell & Estelle  
                             to  
Julia Kelly 4/5  
and Helen Kelly 1/5

176/153                    19 November 1921  
Ida M. Gittings, widow  
                             to  
Noble L. Mitchell

153/406                    28 November 1916  
M. Stanley McComas & Sarah  
                             to  
Ida M. Gittings  
\$3500

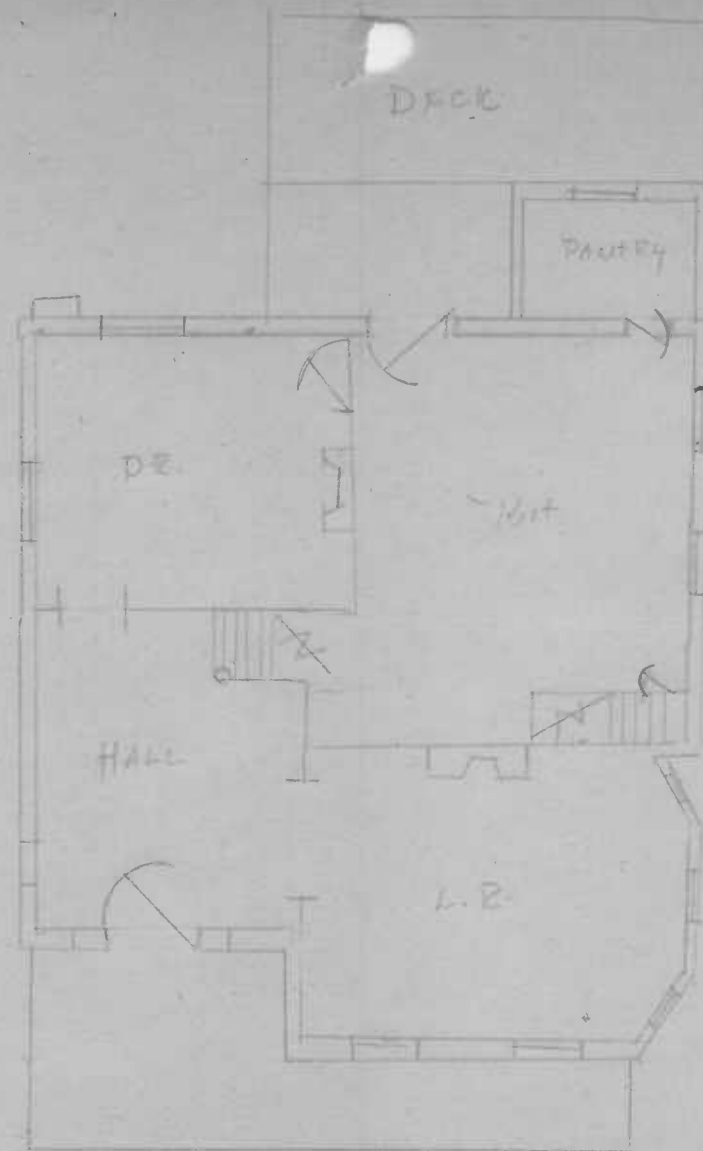
109/58                     2 March 1903  
Joseph R. Dallam & Richard  
                             to

M. Stanley McComas

\$162.50

the land McComas leased from Mary  
Dallam (1899, 96/419). Mary Dallam  
conveyed her interest to Josephine Dallam,  
her daughter-in-law (1899, 98/227).





M. LAREW  
1979

STANLEY McCORMICK HOUSE  
625 ROLAND  
BOL AIR

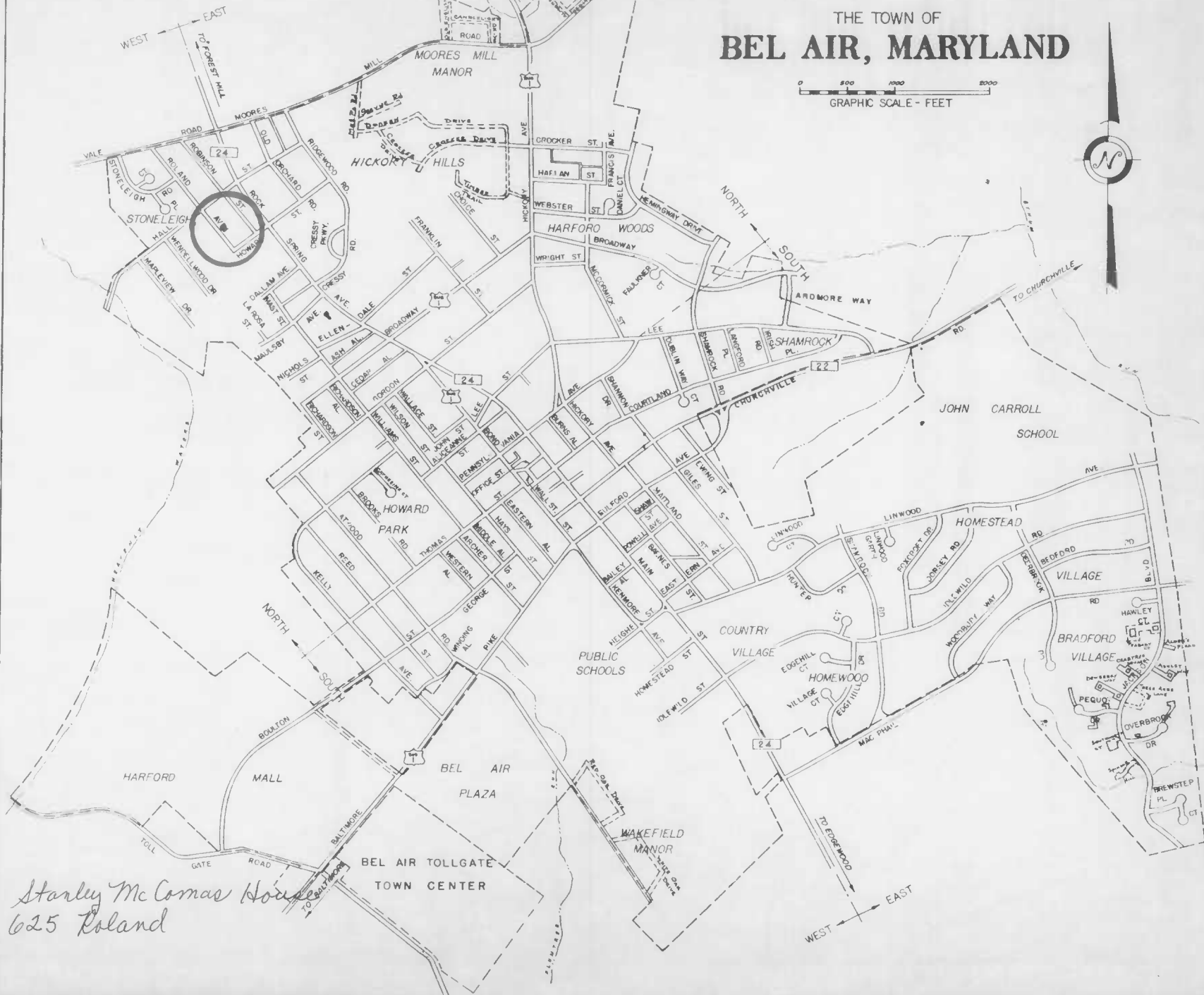
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SCALE = 1" = 8'



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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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625 Roland



14A - 1486 Stanley McComas House, 625 Roland, Bel Air  
See also  
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Stanley McComas House, 625 Roland, Bel Air  
w. elev

M. Larew, 1979



44-1486 Stanley McComas, 625 Roland, Bel Air  
d. n. mantle looking e  
M. Larew, 1979









HA-1486 Stanley Mc Comas House, 625 Roland, Bel Air  
w + s elev  
M. Larew, 1979



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detail of S elev  
M. Larew, 1979